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Sales of liquor to minors result in license suspensions

Reno, NV—The privileged liquor licenses of two Reno businesses have been suspended as a result of the Reno Police Department's continuing efforts to stop sales of liquor to minors through liquor license compliance sting operations.

When a privileged liquor license is suspended, sales of alcohol are suspended at a business, but the liquor license suspension does not impact other product sales at stores. Citations are issued to store employees for sales or furnishing of alcohol to a minor resulting in review of the store's privileged liquor license in an administrative hearing that involves the cooperative efforts of the Reno City Attorney's Office, the Reno Finance department and police.

Hearings can result in suspension of the license for a specific period of time, or revocation of the license. Consideration of license suspensions include factors such as protective measures in place prior to the violation such as employee training, signage and other steps, protective measures taken since the violation, time of operation of the business without violations, and persons involved in the sale, such as whether the licensee/owner was involved in the violations.

Nahar Food and Discount Liquor at 600 South Virginia Street will have their packaged alcohol license suspended for one week. The suspension runs from December 1 through December 8, 2010. An additional three week suspension is held in abeyance for one year provided no other sales to minors occur. The suspension is a result of a sting that was conducted by the Reno Police Department's Street Enforcement Team (SET) on July 12, 2010, according to Reno Police detectives. Previous offenses of selling to minors have occurred in 2008, 2004, and 2002.

Jackson's Food Store #18 at 901 North Virginia Street, stipulated to a one week suspension, November 29 through December 6, after failing a sting operation conducted by the Reno Police Department's Street Enforcement Team on July 12, 2010. Previous offenses of selling to minors have occurred prior to 2008.

The undercover sting operations are conducted by the Reno Police Department's Street Enforcement Team using underage volunteers. The operations are funded through grants from the Nevada State Juvenile Justice commission and Join Together of Northern Nevada to stop the flow of alcohol to minors through licensed operations in the city that do not comply with the law. The goal of the program is to prevent loss of life or injuries from juveniles getting behind the wheel of a car after consuming alcohol purchased at a licensed business, and to prevent them from facing the many problems associated with underage drinking and alcohol abuse.